PATH: Board Call  
March 20, 2017

**Attendees:**
1. Butler: Scott Fourman  
2. Columbiana: Dee Baily and Kathie Chaffee  
3. Cuyahoga: Holly Butterfield  
4. Franklin: Keith McCloud and Joe Florenski  
5. Hamilton: Linda Gallagher, Kelly Siningher & Sara Dooley  
6. Lake: Jackie Bruner & Jeremiah Pittman  
7. Lorain: Holly Cundiff  
8. Lucas: Deb Nolan  
9. Mahoning/Trumbull: Not Represented  
10. Montgomery: Pam Stanley  
11. Stark: Emily Provance and Jackie Vanderpool  
12. Summit: Jennifer Peveich

**Meeting Notes**

The primary focus of the call was to discuss the new outcomes-based funding process based on our *fair share* (OFS) allocation from Congress and SAMHSA and to follow up with any other program related questions. Each Board was to have worked with their respective Provider Organization to determine their preliminary outcome and funding projections so that when we received the 2018 allocation we will have an idea of where we are and the anticipated funding and outcomes we will target. Deborah shared that the outcome percentage request should match the funding percentage request so we balance and meeting the intent of our *fair share*. The projection(s) should accurately represent the outcomes based on the five (5) year historical outcomes actual(s), verse projected, for contacts/served, enrolled and connected to CMHS. Historical outcomes should be used each year by the Boards and Provider Organizations to assist in influencing the upcoming years’ outcomes.

With not having all of the preliminary requests submitted prior to the call, Deborah will follow up with those teams and then send out a copy of the preliminary requests for funding so we can ensure we are meeting the requirements of our *fair share* for the funds from SAMHSA. Deborah reiterated that funding requests should be equivalent to the percentage of outcomes.
If historical (past three to five years) outcomes do not support the funding request, adjustments will be made so that both funding and outcomes are balanced, reasonable and attainable.

**As Requested:**

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Current Totals: $1,846,215.00

Requests adjusted based on OFS % of outcomes/see effect on funding requested:
Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness

This new Outcomes-based funding process has target outcomes (75%) as well as minimum outcomes (58% & 66%). Our goal is to reach or exceed the 75% target; however, your project may land somewhere between the target goal and the minimum requirements with no foreseen issues, as our outcomes should not show statistically significant changes; however, for those projects that do not reach their minimums, they will be subject to a sequestration. Deborah and Board staff should be monitoring all quarters, but the 3rd Quarter outcomes will help to determine if a carryover request is needed (justification will be required) as well as reallocation of dollars due to the project not being able to reach the minimum targets.

Deborah is using an In-State Sequestration Approach in an effort to make sure funding is balanced as well as granting projects the ability to increase or decrease funding based on their ability to reach their stated outcomes.

We are looking to meet both of SAMHSA’s recommendations: 1) expand and 2) move to a competitive process. We believe the outcomes-based process has a competitive component within it and we will be seeking to bring 1 to 3 new Counties/Boards into the Program over the next year or two, thus expanding.

Deborah also reminded everyone to make sure their Provider Organization has started on their application using last years’ application as a template, as they should do every year, as to ease the pressure of preparation time.

The due dates of the Application will be based on when the Application is due to SAMHSA. It is anticipated that the Boards will need to submit application (IUP, Budget(s) and Budget Narrative(s)) during the week of May 8th; however, the email of opportunity to participate will have the due dates.

Please ensure the Providers/Boards have made their Agency Board of Directors aware of the annual application as the Chairman is to sign-off on the Assurances.

As of today, it is expected that we will use the same process for submitting the PATH Application (IUP, etc.) as last year as the PATH enhancements have not been made in Grant Funding Management System (GFMS). Again, the details for this voluntary program will be included in the email of opportunity to participate.

With all of the program changes over the last couple of years our Guidance Document needs to be updated. Deborah is working on this; however, in the meantime, please use the “Resource” tab in PDX to keep abreast of the most recent terms and definitions.

Deborah also reminded everyone that the “Year-End (Quarterly) Report” (submit via email) noted below:
...is due along with the 3rd Quarter report in PATH Data Exchange (PDX). Once both of these documents have been submitted the Board’s fiscal staff may submit quarterly request for funding in GFMS: Funding: Disbursement Request. The most you are permitted to request is one quarter of your annual funding allocation. Please see the January Agenda for quarterly due dates. You are most welcome to delete the notes as they are just helping tools.

Deborah will open the 2018 applications in GFMS and will select “renewal” so that the applications will auto-fill in most fields. Then you will be able to add 2018 data. She will let you know when that has been done. Please review it to make sure all updated information has been included.

Technical Assistance:
Deborah is available for Project technical assistance (TA) if you have questions on using the Sandbox tool or any other PATH Program related questions or concerns. She is available by phone, in-person as she is willing to come to you, you are welcome to come to Columbus and/or she is willing to meet you half way.

Addendum: These funds are subject to available based on Ohio receiving these Federal PATH funds and not guaranteed as we must request funds annually and are subject to approval by SAMHSA. Board staff should be aware that should you select a different Provider in a subsequent funding and outcomes from the previous year should be tracked and kept as the reporting period is a year behind you will want to ensure you have the data to meet the reporting requirements. Finally, Boards should give OhioMHAS a 90-day notice of plan to change Provider Organization.